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Enclosed herewith is one photostatic copy of a statement signed by Humberto CHAMORRO Chamorro re the recent attempt made upon the life of Anastacio SOMOZA.

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DELCARA A N RENDIDA POR HUMBERTO CHAMORRO EN EL CASO DEL FUSTRADO  
ATENTADO EN EL AYUNTAMIENTO CONTRA LA VIDA DEL EXCMO SEÑOR  
PRESIDENTE DE LA REPUBLICA GENERAL A. SOMOSA.

En la ciudad de Managua a los trece dias del mes de Abril de mil novecientos cincuenta y cuatro ante el Capitan Jose Maria Tercero Cuadra, Oficial encargado de tomar esta declaracion, comparecio el señor Humberto Chamorro Chamorro, casado, mayor edad y del domicilio de Granada, quien siendo informado del asunto que se trata de investigar, de su libre y expontanea voluntad dijo:

Hace como unos oche meses cosa que no puedo precisar si fueron ocho o nueve Pablo Leal, llego de Granada a buscarme para hablarme de un negocio de arroz primero y despues me conto que el habia hecho conexion en sus viajes y que podia conseguir armamento para levantar una revolucion en Nicaragua, que estuviera listo que al me iba avisar en su oportunidad, yo no le crei, porque crei que eran fantasias. Posteriormente talvez un mes o dos despues, el llego a buscarme a Granada y me dejo razon de que tenia urgencia de verme porque el negocio iba en muy buen pie, como estaba muy ocupado no lo busque, lo mismo paso otra vez mas. Despues alla el tiempo recibí una cartita de él de Mejico en que me hablaba del asunto revolucionario en forma vedada, hablandome de asuntos de aserrio que solo yo entendia y ungindome para que me viera con él, ya fuera en Mejico o Costa Rica porque el no podia venir a Nicaragua, yo tampoco conteste eso, pero hace como tres meses mas o menos él vino a Nicaragua y segun le dije a mi señora se habia metido de incognito y me volvio a dejar razon que queria verme ~~para~~ que llegara a Costa Rica, como yo estaba trabajando en sociedad con el General Emiliano Chamorro, yo le dije al General Chamorro que ita tener que hacer un viaje a San Jose de Costa Rica o a Mejico si era necesario, contandole todos los contactos que habia tenido con Pablo Leal y lo que me habia dicho, el General no creyo en esos momentos, como estabamos con el azucar del algodon me dijo que no hciera caso de eso. Como a principios de Marzo el General Chamorro me dijo que habia recibido una razon de Costa Rica de Leal en que insistia que yo fuera y en que le decia que tenia conseguido el armamento y que era una cosa segura, que procurara busca una oportunidad para ir a San Jose y verme con Leal. Yo aproveche la coyuntura de las fiestas rotarias e hice el viaje. En Costa Rica vi a Leal dos veces, me aseguro que tenia todo el armamento listo que lo habia sacado de Mejico con mucha habilidad, que tenia gente lista para meterla, que lo unico que necesitaba era un contacto con una persona como yo para que pudiera introducir el armamento sin dificultad, porque él no queria hacer un revolucion al estilo antiguo que era meterse por las fronteras, sino llegar al propio corazon de la capital, estar en una casa unos dos o tres dias y despues dar un golpe de sorpresa. Yo me mostre rehacio al principio porque yo estaba en mis negos y por mi familia ; pero por ultimo me convencio en vista de la seguridad que me daba que habria muy poco derramamiento de sangre y que seria una cosa rapida y que yo no iba a exponer a nada solamente a meter eso (el armamento). Una vez aceptado empese a planear con él, lo que ya me habia hablado al principio que era la forma de introducir la gente y el armamento por medio de una lancha que los tomara en una costa del lago y de ahí tomarlos en un camion para llevarlos a Managua. Asi lo hice y cuando vine a Nicaragua, le hable a Tito Chamorro pidiéndole su lancha , explicando a Tito de todo lo que se trataba de lo que ya le habia hablado anteriormente sin darle muchos detalles y le dije tambien que si habria necesidad de hablarle a Alberto Chamorro (su padre) te me dijo que no, porque él tenia completa ingerencia en la lancha y no solo que personalmente la manejaria, no teniendo necesidad de ningun maquinista y al General Chamorro le conte el resultado de mi viaje, diciendole que yo ya habia arreglado lo de la lancha que era una de las cosas que me habia recomendado Pablo que cuando ya lo arrara, le diera al General los hechos consumados porque si nos ateniamos a que ellos arraran la conexion seria un asunto muy largo, le hable del asunto de un camion que necesitaba, entonces el me dijo que podia ocupar el que teniamos en movimiento del dia. Tambien me puse en contacto con Payo Cabrera con quien Pablo me habia dicho que estabamos listo para prestar su cooperacion por platicas personales que habia tenido con él.

## Declaracion del Señor Humberto Chamorro..... continua.....

En ese lapso de uno o dos dias, se presento en mi casa de Granada el Ex-Diente Adolfo Baez Bone, con quien yo nunca habia tenido amistad; pero el en cuanto llego me empezo a hablar de un asunto de maderas y despues se me tiro a fondo, diciendome que sabia que habia ido a Costa Rica y que yo estaba haciendo la conexion de la lancha y que el queria ir al lugar del embarque, yo tanto para consultar, le di cita para volviera unos dias despues ~~esta noche~~ y como una precaucion a lo que si me decia y mas que pensaba que era mejor que fuera al desembarque y no al embarque. Yo consulte con el General Chamorro y el me dijo que estaba bien que era mejor como yo decia que fuera al desembarque, alli mismo me dijo el General que habia tambien un muchacho que queria ir al desembarque y que me lo llevara, este muchacho era Fernando Solozano, volvio Baez Bone y le explique todo lo que se habia resuelto. Una vez arreglado todo ~~esta noche~~ incluyendo lo de la casa de la cual me di mi tio que estaba lista por medio de Payo Cabrera y Payo me dijo que era la finca El Salvador y tambien me ofrecio Payo que el podia dar una casa adentro en el Rodeo y que se llama San Jeronimo y que queda a orillas del lago. Todo arr glado use el radiograma en clave diciendo que est be todo listo en la fecha convida o sea la noche del miércoles treintiuno. El radiograma iba dirigido a Maria de Olafos que es una señora Nica que vive en Costa Rica y firmado por mi señora Magdalena de Chamorro, recibi la contestacion unos dos dias despues por el mismo conductor diciendome que vendrian conforme lo convenido. Entonces el 31 en la madrugada, sali yo para Rio Grande con Payo Cabrera en Jeep para traernos el camion y en la tarde de ese dia al regreso y me encon re en los puntos ya convenidos con Fernando Solozano y Adolfo Baez Bone y salimos pues para el lugar del ~~esta~~ desembarque, previamente yo habia desrachado a Tito Chamorro el Martes 30 a medio dia de Granada al punto de embarque, el salio con Julian Salaverry y otros que no conozco , diciendole que yo estaria en el punto de desembarque en la noche del Miércoles donde lo esperaria hasta las dos de la madrugada del Jueves, que si ellos no llegaban por cualquier circunstancia en esta fecha, yo volveria veinticuatro horas mas tarde a la misma hora, si resulto porque en el viaje de Miércoles no llegaron, yo deje el camion alli porque se le habia bajado un llanta y no tendria reuestoy regrese a Managua, volviendo de regreso a las seis de la tarde del Jueves primero, siempre con las mismas personas llegamos , esperamos como a las doce de la noche o la una de la mañana llego la lancha y procedimos a desembarcar. La gente que venia en la lancha era como 22 personas pues asi me lo informaron, de los cuales yo conoci a Chema Tercero Lacayo a Traslin a Manuel Gomez a Pablo Leal y despues conoci a otro mas que eran Virgilio Vega, Juan Martinez Reyes, un Dominicano Soler a Rivas Montes, Luis Cabuardi (que ya lo conecia) Baeza y otros mas. Cuando ya habian empasado a desembarcar se aparecio un hombrecito llamado Miguel Acevedo al que le pedi que me ayudara a desvariar el bote para asegurar con otro bote la descargada, yo me fué de alli, pero alguien de los que ya habia desembarcado como lo vio con el bote se lo llevo para la lancha creyendo que era uno de los que yo habia llevado y como alli se dio cuenta que lo que estaban desembarcando no eran frijoles sino gente y armas, entonces resolvieron Pablo y Gomez que lo trajeramos con nosotros, para soltarlo una vez que no habiera peligro de que pudiera decir algo. Una vez cargado el camion, la camioneta, ya se acomodo a la gente y salimos para Managua . La gente se acomodo en los dos Jeep, la camioneta y el camion que venia tapado con carpas lo mismo que la camioneta . En el camion yo venia con Rivas Montes, venia manejando un muchacho llamado Bartolo Lechado, atras venia Chema Tercero no se los otros, en el Jeep de Payo Cabrera venia Manuel Gomez y Pablo, Baez Bone venia en su Jeep Land Rover, pero no recuerdo con quienes mas. Nos pusimos en camino a Managua, poco antes de llegar a San Isidro les sugeri a Pablo que nos quedarmos en el monte para mientras venia la noche, pero él insistio que seguieramos a Managua, pasamos bien Tipitapa, en el camino habiamos hablado de la posibilidad del Rodeo, pero yo les dije que era muy dificil de dia porque habia que pasar los corrales para llevar a San Jeronimo, tambien mas adelante entramos a las delicias, viendo si el dueño de alli el señor Carlos Baez habia dado alguna orden y estaba el lugar disponible, pero segun me manifestó Baez Bone, dijo que el mandador no tenia ninguna orden y el lugar era absurdo porque habia mucha gen-

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te, entonces resolvimos irnos a la Quinta El Salvador, donde llegamos entre ocho y media y nueve de la mañana, despues de atravesarnos toda la ciudad. La ciudad la cruzamos, por la calle de la monzombo hasta la esquina de las masayas, doblamos a la montaña hasta llegar al infierno cogiendo la calle del Ramirez Goyena y doblamos en la primera avenida pavimentada de aves del Coyona, hasta el Boulevard y cogimos recto la calle Colon hasta salir de Managua sin hacer paradas de ninguna especie, llegando al punto de destino que era la quinta El Salvador, ahí dejamos el camion cargado, la gente se bajo y se metio en la casa. Dentro de la casa Pablo me dijo que él queria que ese mismo dia tuviéramos una reunion con el General Chamorro y con la gente principal que sabia de este movimiento, yo le dije que iba a preguntarle al General Chamorro para ver en que lugar se podria tener esta reunion. Me vine a Managua en un Jeep que era de Payo Cabrera, directamente a la casa del General Chamorro, le impuse del resultado del viaje y de la petición que hacia Pablo Leal, él me dijo que descansara un rato que él iba a ver en que lugar se podría hacer para que les avisara. Cuando me levante que fue como a las dos de la tarde, me dijo que el lugar escogido era Chula Vista una quinta donde vive Ernesto Solorzano Thompson, yo fui a avisarles aquellos que la reunion seria a las ocho de la noche y me regrese de nuevo a Managua a la casa del General Chamorro. A las ocho llegamos allí, el General Chamorro, Fernando Aguero, Ernesto Solorzano T. que estaba en su casa, Doctor Enrique Lacayo Farfan, Pablo Leal, Manuel Gomez, Baes Bone, (este estuvo un rato porque dijo que tenía que ir a Jinotepé). Despues de saludos de rigor y pláticas generales abordo Pablo Leal pli asunto de como se iba a operar, el General Chamorro les dijo que él no tenía ningún plan, sino que los indicados a exponerlos eran ellos, entonces Gomez, expuso que para él, lo mas importante era atacar la loma, porque de nada servía estar dando pequeños golpes, teniendo vivo el Cuartel Principal porque ellos no tenían ~~mucho~~ armamento y porque suficiente para poder resistir una cosa larga, que él tenía casi seguridad que con un golpe de sorpresa era factible la toma de la loma y que para eso debía procederse sin perdida de tiempo por el peligro a ser descubiertos, que para eso se necesitaba unos doscientos hombres que si se les podía proporcionar, el General Chamorro le manifestó que aunque era un poco contra el cambio, él creía que si que podrían conseguirse. Una de las cosas que Gomez observó como de primordial importancia era averiguar o mejor dicho tratar de que a la hora de ir a hacer el ataque no estuviera el Presidente Somoza en la loma, porque era mucho mas segura la resistencia estando él en la loma. Entonces alguien de los presentes, no recuerdo quien, dijo que al dia siguiente Sabado con seguridad, el General Somoza estaría en la fiesta de la Embajada Americana que sería una magnifica ocasión para proceder al plan propuesto por Gomez. Leal dijo que estando el General Somoza en la Embajada era factible que él podría salir de allí y presentar u organizar una resistencia aun tomada la loma, pero Gomez le dijo que eso se podía solucionar, dejando una patrulla para que él no pudiera salir de allí y que sería una magnifica oportunidad para que renunciara ante el Cuerpo Diplomático, ese Plan fue aceptado por todos y se estuvo discutiendo la forma como llegaría la gente y como se armaría porque Gomez y Leal decían se necesitaba darles una ligera instrucción en el manejo de ellas, en esa ultima parte no se llegó a nada concreto porque se estimó que la Quinta El Salvador era muy pequeña para ese propósito, quedamos en que al dia siguiente se procuraría conseguir algún local a un lugar apartado donde poder hacer esta operación, ya Baes Bone se había venido, despues el General Chamorro no recuerdo si se fue con Lacayo Farfan, un poco antes venirme llegó Fernando Solorzano y Tito Chamorro, no recuerdo si llegó este muchacho Cabrera, Leal y Gomez se vinieron con uno de ellos porque yo me vine a Managua con el Doctor Fernando Aguero. Al dia siguiente en la mañana hable con el General y me dijo que se estaba poniendo en movimiento para llamar a la gente que iba a mandar. Como a las nueve salí para Granada en Carro con Tito Chamorro con quien había quedado en la noche que me llevara para ir a dar una vuelta a mi casa. En Granada estuve en asuntos personales de mi negocio, regresando como a las tres de la tarde a la casa del General Chamorro y al

que habia habido sobre el asunto de la gente y el lugar a donde iban a ir  
y como que ya estaban en movimiento y que con seguridad ya debian estar llegando a  
California que era el lugar que se había consignado, por lo menos para una parte,  
yo crec que lo llevaban a la costa al Salvador. Yo le puse a que si se iba  
a la Embajada Americana y me dijo que le estaba buscando pero que no estaba se-  
guro que en todo caso el se quisiera ir alli y que estaba esperando una resolu-  
cion de una casa donde ir e a donde se iba a casa en los acontecimientos. Co-  
mo las cinco y medio o seis de la tarde llego Fernando Aguero y con el se fui a la  
California, alli vimos que la gente que habia llegado era muy poca y entonces nos re-  
turnamos a Managua y le participe esto al General Chamorro en su casa, quien nos  
dijo que seguramente que esos momentos que se habian quedado debian estar llegando  
que le habian informado varios de los dominicos que no seria dia sabado, no habian  
podido localizar a su gente temprano y que algunos los dijeron que no conocian el la-  
ugar donde era y el les dijo que fueran alegres de volver en algun viaje de inscripcion  
que pidio que dejarmos unos dos Jeeps y que se viera en caso de que hubiera gente  
alli no mas mandarlos. Nosotros salimos a Managua y llego Chamorro, quien  
me dijo al mismo a quien me he referido anteriormente, que van a lo localizamos lo dejan-  
do en una calle vecina a la casa donde vive el General Chamorro, en lo que llegabamos  
vimos a unos cuatro hombres que estaban cerca de la casa como en actitud de  
esperar a alguien y uno de ellos hizo creer el intento de entrar a la casa, entonces  
yo lo aborde y le pregunte que queria, me dijo que si entra el dia si alli, que si  
no habia nadie con el ? Yo le dije que sencilla cosa no, pero yo tambien que era de los  
individuos que se estaban buscando, el me dijo que si, yo le respondi que quien los ha-  
bia mandado, contestandome que un amico de nosotros, les indique que se contaran en  
una Jeep y yo mismo fui a dar la vuelta a ver si se habian ido y habian salido con-  
firmando que si. Estuve otra vez en la casa del General y le dije voi a ir a la California  
a ver si ha llegado mas gente, bueno me dijo el General que fuera y que le avisara,  
que se un plan de reunion a Pablo Leal, Gomez, Zavala, Joaquin Chamorro, Vives Montes, Er-  
nesto Colozzano T. estaba aperte con Faustino, me parece que es Alvarado, pero no recuer-  
do. Los encontre muy alarmados porque se habia llenado gente necesaria que necesitaban  
con el plan que habian combinado, despus de muchas platicas y discusiones, resolvieron  
que si a las siete y media u ocho no habia llegado la suficiente cantidad de gente  
dejarian el ataque para la madrugada. Yo volvi de nuevo a Managua a casa del General  
Chamorro a participarle y diciendole que estos señores (refiriendose a los de Costa  
Rica) estaban disgustados y recordo que el me dijo que no podia hacer mas de lo que ha-  
bia hecho, que habia dado toda la cooperacion posible; pero que habia que tomar en cuen-  
ta que por la misma cosa de que estos señores no querian que este asunto se divulgara  
no se habia podido preparar gente con la debida anticipacion, yo he mandado por todos  
lados acui cerca de Managua y en Managua mismo, me dijo, y si ya no llegan no es culpa  
mias, pero van a llegar yo entiendo que estan esperando la noche para llegar mas disimu-  
ladamente. Me regrese de nuevo a la California, siempre con el mismo Aguero, serian co-  
mo siete y siete y media de la noche, el problema no habia cambiado fundamentalmente  
porque aunque habia llegado mas gente, entiendo que no pasaban de cincuenta o sesenta,  
me quedo un rato y alli vi que llegaron varias personas, vi a Hernan Robledo Padre, Pe-  
dro Joaquin Chamorro, Pablo Ibarra, Emilio Alvarez Montalban, Doctor Rafael Gutierrez.  
En la mesa donde estaba lo que se llama Estado Mayor, estaba un hombre joven, pantalon  
Kaky, medio calvito, camisa gris amarilla, que fue el unico que no conoci de los que  
estaban alli, estando yo en la hamaca llego Pablo Leal y me dijo que con esa gente era  
imposible hacer nada con la Loma, que iban a esperar a ver si en el transcurso de la  
noche llegaba mas gente de acuerdo con la idea que yo le trasmiti del General Chamorro  
que por la noche podrian llegar mas, Pablo me pido que fuera a comprar un botella de  
Whisky y algo que comer, me fui con Fernando Aguero al Versalles donde estuve alrededor  
de las ocho y media, regresamos a la California y entregue lo que habia comprado. Ya a  
altas hora de la noche las once talvez, me llamo Pablo y me dijo que parecia que ya no  
iba a llegar mas gente, creo que con todo se contaba con cien personas de manera me di-  
jo Pablo que esto no se puede prolongar y hemos resuelto cambiar el plan, en lugar de

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atacar la Loma hemos resuelto tomar la ciudad provocando un levantamiento popular porque es la única forma que podemos operar y parapetarnos y situarnos en lugares apropiados una vez que vinieras a atacarnos de la Loma, me preguntó que si creía que la gente pudiera responder, yo le dije que entraba entre lo posible, pero que no era garantizable ciento por ciento, dijeron que no quedaba otra solución porque no podían prolongar indefinidamente esa situación, que lo que se debía hacer era avisar a la gente de Managua que estuviera lista porque eso se pensaba hacer en todos las horas de la mañana. Fui de nuevo a Managua le participe al General Chamorro lo que pasaba y le dije que esta gente estaba desesperada, que estaban como con un clavo ardiendo en las manos y que no me extrañaría que ducharan de planes nuevamente; pero que por lo que yo había sacado en claro, no desearían el proceder al día siguiente en la mañana, que por consiguiente me parecía conveniente que él supiese no hubiere nada se quitara en la misma noche de la casa, entonces él me dijo que lo iba hacer y que se dejaría con su hermana el lugar donde estaría; pero que lo buscara solamente que fuera para una cosa urgente, me despedí de él, y volví a la California, me quedé en la banca y ellos hablaron sobre la misma cosa, Chamorro Aguero se vino y yo me quedé siempre acostado, me dormí profundamente y ni cuenta me dí si no hasta dosrues de un incidente se hubo con Faustino Arellano en que lo amenazaron y le pusieron la pistola en el pecho, porque él desde temprano quería sacar esa gente de a li, aclarando no desparte con la bullia que llegó haciendo ruido que venía del lado de la bodega que estaba del lado de atrás, diciendo se le había salido un hombre a los que estaban encerrados y se dedicaron a buscárolo y segun dijeron de acuerdo con la lista que estaba allí se llamaba Pedro Estilo Nicaragua. Despues de eso y fui a Managua, me fui a la casa del Doctor Enrique Lacayo Farfan, allí tome café, les excuse lo que habían dia visto, estaba Eaco Ibarra y Fernando Aguero, y que se pusieran en carreña para lo que fuera conveniente para organizar la manifestación. Fue por la casa del Doctor Diego Marcial Chamorro y no lo encontré, me regrese a la casa de la California, pero al pasar por la Quinta El Salvador, ya vi soldados movimientos de carros y camiones, me quedé en esa quinta, entré, y allí estaban todos que se habían venido a la feria, inclusive la gente que estaba encerrada en el galpon, estuve un rato platicando y cambiando impresiones y me dijo Pablo que había mandado en lo que yo andaba en Managua a solicitar a Julio Chamorro la casa Pellas y que este había respondido que no podía prestarla porque eso no era de él, que como era la forma para entrar en el Terraza fuera del ascensor, yo le dije que había una puerta en el Garage que manejaban con llave y que dormía un guardador adentro y que solamente subiendo por el ascensor y bajando por las escaleras se podría abrir, me dijo Pablo que como se podía arreglar eso, le contesté que andando alguien de antemano, que estuviera listo con el ascensor abajo. Me dijio Pablo que fuera nuevamente a Maagua para que los dijera a los señores de Managua que les arreglaría esta situación, así lo hice y fui nuevamente a dcde el doctor Lacayo Farfan a quien manifesté lo que quería Pablo y ofrecieron tenerlo arrestando. Como a las once de la mañana me fui nuevamente a la Quinta El Salvador y ya encontré a toda esta gente con un nerviosismo, porque hablaban de que el plan era impracticables decian unos y otros decian que si, harto en ese momento supe yo que Raez Bone andaba en una comision porque me dijo Pablo al preguntarle que a que horas iban a proceder, que en cuanto llegara Eaco Bone a quien había mandado a hacer una comision ya marcharian para Managua, yo le pregunte que que clase de comision era, es que me mandamos a Eaco Bone al kilometro 18 a parar al hombre si acaso va para Montelimar, estaba un viejito que dijo, pero el Presidente esta en las Mercedes, le dijo Pablo como sabe Ud ? Porque un hijo mio que tiene una camioneta me dijo que allí lo había visto, en ese instante llego Alfredo Alfaro y empezaron las mismas discusiones sobre el plan, Alfaro dijo que era conveniente salir de cualquier manera de allí o si se resolvía operar que fuera inmediatamente, en ese momento tambien llego Eaco Bone y se puso a hablar exaltadamente y dijo que nada había hecho, en una de las entradas que di a la pieza donde se reunian los del lado de Managua, estando hablando Eaco Bone, entonces lo interrumpio Rivas Montes, diciendole voy a recordarte lo que tu puedes decir, y Eaco Bone le contesto que el no era el interlocutor y que no tenía que meterse a lo que Rivas Montes dijo que aunque no era ni interesante el esto se limitó a lo ultimo que el.

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Una vez calmados siguieron en la misma discusion de lo que se debia hacer, entonces Pablo Leal, ordeno que cargaran el camion; pero antes Baez Bone le habia dicho a Gomez que eso era un asunto de militares, que dejara de andar con comandante civiles que tomara el mando y que Uc. y yo, ya resolvieran la situacion, Rivas Montes dijo que habia que ser leal con Pablo, Pablo mientras tanto estaba fuera dando la orden, yo llame aparte a Pablo y le dije esto se esta poniendo muy peli roso, porque ya veo que hay rivalidades entre Uds. mismos, yo le pregunte que cual era la mission que habia ido hacer Baez Bone, que recordara que este era un hombre muy violento y que no dia meterse a hacer algun desacuisido, entonces el me dijo que alli habia mandado gente que era moderada y que no habia cuidado que se extralimitara en sus funciones, yo le dije que ya habia aulado demasiado, que yo no era para estar tomando armas de manera que no estaba haciendo ningun parel alli, que si ellos se ~~iban~~ iban a ir a esa finca para pensar o deliberar que iban hacer, me parecia que yo no era de ninguna utilidad para andar con ellos, que yo iba a ir a Diriamba, donde mi hermano para esperar cualquier cosa y asi estar cerca de ellos, me dijo que estaba bien. Ya en ese tiempo habian cargado el camion y Pablo ordeno que subieran unos veinte hombres a ese camion que era el que llevaba las armas. Tome el carro que andaba que era el del Doctor Lacayo Farfan, y me fui rumbo a Diriamba donde fui de pase rumbo a la Moca, pregunte a un chavalo por mi hermano y me dijeron que no habia llegado del Mar, que lle aria hasta el Martes, yo llevaba la mira de quedarme ahí, pero como no habia nadie segui hacia Jinotepe, se me ocurrio, pasar por la casa de unos muchachos Puices y encontre a la señora solamente, entre y me ofrecio un trago, como unos cinco minutos despues, llego una muchacha que dijo que habia ~~estacionado~~ alboroto en las calles pues habia movimiento de guardias, yo le pedi a la señora de la casa que mandara a informarse y ella misma salio tambien, en ese tiempo que no estaba la señora llego el señor Carlos Ernesto Lepia (gordo) me estuve platicando con el generalidades y que habia llegado a buscar a Alejandro Ruiz para un negocio de arroz, cuando la señora llego de vuelta, yo me dije como que no la habia visto antes y me pare y le dije que queria dar una razan para Alejandro, entonces ella me explico que habia movimiento, que hablaban de un camion y diciendo que habia tenido un encuentro con la guardia, yo le pedi a ella, que me ayudara y le explique claramente que yo andaba metido en esos asuntos, maxime que me dijo que que estaban cerradas todas las salidas, me dijo que comiera un poco, llego un Doctor Benito Hernandez y tambien llego Puto Flint en ese tiempo. La señora me dio ropa para cambiarme y me dijo que lo mas practico era que me fuera a una finca de ellos, para mientras pasaba la cosa, yo le di las llaves del carro y le su liquie que lo metiera en su casa, me arrocorte un rato y como a las ocho de la noche me fui a una finca de ellos, donde pase nueve dias en los cafetales, hasta que logre mandarle a un sobrino mio un papelito con uno de los Puices, hijo de Eduardo Chamorro, ayer me mando a decir con los otros Puices que me llevaria a traer con Silvio Gonzalez para presentarme él y pedir garantias

- P. Cuando le informo al General Chamorro, que Pablo Leal habia entrado al pais de incognito, cuales fueron las palabras que hubo entre ambos ?
- P. Recuerdo que él me dijo que no creia en esas cosas porque ya estaba aturrido de cuentos de esa naturaleza y que hasta habia un cuento algo feo de Pablo que contaba Favio Gallo, le pregunto, cual es ese cuento ? Favio dice que Pablo lo fregó, no se exactamente detalles, pero ay que dejar correr esto a ver si hay alguna posibilidad, es decir dejar las puertas abiertas.
- P. En esta ocasion, le pregunto Ud. al General Chamorro que efecto tendria esto en los pactos ?
- P. No, no pregunte nada de eso.
- P. Cuando Ud. se dispuso ir a Costa Rica, que instrucciones le dio el General Chamorro?

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- R. Primero que oyera y observara, yo le dije si veo que es alguna cosa seria o definitiva, puedo prestarme para establecer contacto ? Me dijo que si que lo hiciera; pero llevaba amplios poderes para tratar o arreglar cualquier cosa siempre que yo viera que era conveniente
- P. En su viaje a Costa Rica, llevo Ud. algun dinero para entregarlo a alguna persona ?
- R. Le pregunte sobre eso al General Chamorro y me dijo que estaban reuniendolo que lo mandarian algunos dias mas tarde, talvez llueve estando todavia tu aya, si acaso se manda estando tu aya, yo te lo hare llegar para que lo entregues en caso que tu creas que debas entregarlo, este dinero no lo mando estando yo aya.
- P. Por donde efectuo su viaje a Costa Rica ?
- R. Por la via aerea de La Nica.
- P. Iba alguna otra persona acompañandole ?
- R. No, iba solo, mi señora llego un dia o dos despues a hacer compras para una hija que se estaba casando.
- P. Donde se hospedo Usted en Costa Rica ?
- R. En la casa de Paco Bolaños, altos de la Asturiana, 200 v. al norte del Banco de Costa Rica.
- P. El señor Bolaños, conocia de estos movimientos ?
- R. El señor Bolaños no estaba en la capital, a la señora de Bolaños le pedí yo en el aeropuerto el dia que me venia que cualquier telegrama que le llegara a ella, firmado por mi señora relativo asuntos de matrimonio, se le entregara a Pablo Leal, por que tenia un asunto con él, sin darle explicaciones
- P. Qual es la nacionalidad y filiacion politica de este señor Bolaños ?
- R. Nicaraguense y Conservador.
- P. Cuales son las actividades de este señor Bolaños y de que vive en Costa Rica ?
- R. Es agente vendedor de mercaderias de casas comerciales.
- P. Conocia Ud. al señor Bolaños antes de ir a Costa Rica y cuales han sido con él anteriormente ?
- R. Si le conocia, somos compadres, soy padrino de una hija de él.
- P. Recuerda cuando se fue de Nicaragua el señor Bolaños a Costa Rica ?
- R. Talvez unos doce años.
- P. Cuando vio Ud. en Costa Rica por primera vez a Pablo Leal y que conversaron ?
- R. Yo llegue al dia siguiente de mi llegada lo vi y hablamos directamente del objeto de mi viaje, que yo llegaba a ver si era una realidad lo que decia que tenia y que para que me pedia con tanta insistencia, el me dijo que tenia listo un armamento grande alrededor de unos 300 equipos que los habia logrado meter una parte de esos de Mejia con mucha habilidad y corriendo muchos riesgos, habia que tenido que arrojar mucho dinero por las mordidas y que estaba comprando mas cantidad alli en Costa Rica y que el creia que podia reunir por todos mas o menos unos trescientos, yo le pregunte que cual era el plan de él, entonces me dijo que estaban estudiando varias posibilidades pero que si lofraban meter el armamento y una gente que el traia especializada en el manejo de esas armas sin que se dieran cuenta, seria muy facil dar un golpe de sorpresa porque el no estaba de acuerdo en luchas de montañas, le pregunté que si en su plan no entraba hacer algo por el lado de "ivas convinado con el de Managua, con el General Roberto Hurtado, entonces me dijo que estaba en contacto con Hurtado y que habia tenido varias platicas sobre el particular, pero e te es un viejo loco imagino

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sidero impracticable el tratar con él, le pregunte por Adan Velez y se expreso muy mal de él , diciendo que era hombre que estaba perdido en la cuestion de tragos y que no se le podia confiar nada porque en el primer lugar donde estuviera tomando tragos lo iria a contar, despues supe que tenian un digusto personal entre ellos por una cuestior de un negocio, le pregunte con que gente contaba, entonces me cito mas o menos todos los que vinieron y que ya antes he mencionado, despues él me estuvo pre-untando sobre la posibilidad de hacer el trayecto] que explique anteriormente para la traída de las armas y la gente, bueno yo le dije que si y en que forma se podia tratandose de lo que iba hacer aqui, yo le pedí a él que queria ver las armas, me dijo que si que eso tendria que ser en la noche para evitar cualquier vista extraña, al dia siguiente en la noche fuimos por el lado de San Isidro de Coronado en una casita metimos el Jeep entramos y allí estaban las armas, en esa casa estaba Gabuardi y un alto que no se el nombre, me enseñaron rifles, maquinas como ocho o diez y bombas, no puedo decir cuanto porque estaban en sacos o en cajas, me pregunte si no habia llevado dinero yo le dije que no ; pero que estaban recogiendo, me dijo que lo que necesitaba para salir eran como veinte o treinta mil colones, ya que vi las armas, estuvimos un rato de la noche haciendo los detalles del viaje que harian para meter las armas y la gente y quedamos de fijar el dia en que ellos iban a salir un dia antes de mi regreso a Managua. El dia antes de venirmes ya fijamos en definitiva el dia de salida de ellos de aya que era el Martes 30 , Pablo me urgio el asunto del dinero para que ellos no tuvieran atrasos en salir, me hablo ademas de Payo Cabrera de que me pusiera en contacto con Baez Bone y que él le mandaria razon por aparte para que me buscara. Le pregunte que como habia hecho para tener esas armas y me dijo que ya habia cambiado varias veces de casa(tres) y tenian que tener mucho cuidado sobre todo despues de lo que habia pasado con Cardenas.

P. Relateme su entrevista con el General Chamorro a su regreso a Managua ?  
 R. Le conte en primer lugar que me habian registrado en el aeropuerto y le di cuenta exacta de todo lo que habia platicado con Pablo, asi como las conexiones que habia hecho para la fecha fija del traslado de las armas y la gente y haciendole ver, la necesidad que habia de mandar ese dinero que pedian y conseguir la casa para asi poderles avisar a aquellos de que todo estaba listo, sobre el dinero que habia sido imposible mandarlo como habia querido él, porque estaba un poco dificil la regogida, pero que él se ocuparia de ese asunto y en cuanto a la casa que lo mas indicado era que la buscara Payo Cabrera, él quedo de avisarme a mí que cuando estas cosas estuvieran listas para que pudiera yo poner el radiograma diciendo que estabemos listos, hable nuevamente con él y me dijo que esperara un poco para poner el radio y como tres o cuatro dias despues me dijo que ya podia poner el radio pues el dinero ya se habia ido y la casa estaba conseguida

P. Quienes fueron las personas que llegaron a Chula Vista ?  
 R. El General Chamorro, Fernando Aguirre, Lacayo Farfan, Pablo Leal, Manuel Gomez, Ernesto Solórzano T., Baez Bone, hablaron sobre el asunto de la llegada a Managua y que habia sido facil la entrada y que ya se consideraba el cincuenta por ciento del exito con solo eso, pregunte el General Chamorro, que cual era el Plan que tenian, contesto Pablo, que ellos habian formulado varios planes, pero que el mas efectivo en el cual estaba completamente de lleno Gomez, era el de el ataque a la Loma, Gomez va a exponerles el Plan para que vean la factibilidad, Gomez dijo que con 200 hombres subiendo en camiones rapidamente a la Loma, el consideraba casi seguro el exito que ellos tenian bien estudiado y que conocian bien el terreno y que consideraban que con esos 200 hombre y la sorpresa representaban un numero mayor, pero yo estimo conveniente que para poder hacer ese ataque, lo mejor es que no este el General Somoza allí, porque estando allí, esta gente podria reponerse de la sorpresa y lucha con mas coraje, preguntaron al General si estaría esa gente lista y si sabrian manejar las armas y el contesto que si, y que no creia que fuera muy dificil el aprender el manejo, hablaron de que como se haria para dar esa instrucción, en que lugar, se hablo del Rodeo, lo

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deshecharon porque era muy dificil y peligroso el atravezar la ciudad nuevamente y dijeron que todo tenia que ser por el Sur y que al dia siguiente buscarian una quinta o un lugar en despoblado para poder dar instrucion a la gente, la reunion duro mas o menos dos horas, primero se fue Baez Bone que estuvo como ~~xxxxx~~ tres cuartos de hora, despues se fue el General Chamorro con Lacayo Parfan, como cinco minutos despues se fueron Gomez y Leal, saliendo yo por ultimo que vine con Aguero

Que es cuanto sabe y le consta, se le informe del privilegio de ampliar su detencion y leida que le fue la presente acta la encontro conforme, la ratifica y firma.

Humberto Chamorro.

ANTE MI:

Jose M. Tercero.C.  
Capitan, Gn.

DECLARATION MADE BY HUMBERTO CHAMORRO IN REGARD TO  
THE FRUSTRATED ATTEMPT ON PRESIDENT SOMOZA'S LIFE

In the city of Managua, on the 13th of April 1954, before Captain Jose Maria, of the Third Company, the official in charge of taking this declaration, Mr. Humberto Chamorro, married, of age, with residence in Granada, appeared. On being informed of the matter that is being investigated, he willingly said the following:

About eight months ago, I cannot say exactly if it was eight or nine months ago, Pablo Leal came to Granada looking for me. He talked about some rice matters first, and when he told me that he had made some connections on his trips and that he could get arms to start a revolution in Nicaragua. He told me to be ready as he would call me at the first opportunity. I did not believe him. I thought this was all his imagination. Later, perhaps one or two months later, he came looking for me in Granada and left word that he was very anxious to see me as his business was going very well. As I was very busy at the time, I did not look him up. The same thing happened another time. After that, I received a note from him, from Mexico, in which he spoke of the revolution in a disguised manner, speaking of the lumber business, which only I would understand, and urging me to come to see him, either in Mexico or Costa Rica because he could not come to Nicaragua. I didn't answer this letter either, but about three months ago he came to Nicaragua and according to what he told my wife, he was incognito and left word again that he wanted to see me, to go to Costa Rica. As I was working, in partnership with General Emiliano Chamorro, I told General Chamorro that I would have to take a trip to San Jose, Costa Rica or to Mexico, if necessary, telling him of the contact I had had with Pablo Leal and what he had told me. The General did not give this much thought at the time, as we were concerned with cotton problems then. He told me not to pay any attention to all this. About the first of March, General Chamorro told me that he had received word from Leal from Costa Rica in which he insisted that I go to see him and also told him that he had received arms and that it was now a sure thing. He repeated that I should find an opportunity to go to San Jose and see him (Leal). I took advantage of the following holidays and made the trip. In Costa Rica I saw Leal twice. He assured me that he had all the arms ready, that he got them out of Mexico skillfully and that he had people ready to use them. The only thing he lacked was contact with a person such as I, who could bring in the arms without difficulty, because he did not want to start the revolution in the old way, which was to come over the frontier, but he wanted to come into the very heart of the capital and stay in a home for two or three days and then make a sudden attack. I was reluctant at first because of my

business and my family; but assuring me that there would be little bloodshed, that it would be a quick thing and that I would not be involved in anything else but the introduction of the arms, he convinced me. Once I had accepted, I began to plan with him. He went over the manner of bringing in the people and arms. They would be introduced by boat which would take them to shore of the lake and there they would be transferred to a truck which would take them to Managua. I did this and when I came to Nicaragua, I spoke to Tito Chamorro and asked him for his boat, explaining what was being done but without giving him too many details. I also asked him if it was necessary to speak to his father, Alberto Chamorro. He told me that it was not as the boat was his. He also stated that he would manage it personally, thereby not needing any other engineer. I told General Chamorro about the result of my trip, telling him that I had already made arrangements for a boat as Pablo had asked me to do because if we waited for them to make the arrangements, it would be a matter of a long time. I spoke to him on the matter of the truck that was needed. He told me that we could use the one that we had to ship the cotton. I also got in contact with Payo Cabrera. Pablo, through personal conversations with him, had learned that he was ready to lend his cooperation. I did this and from him I learned that Emilio Stathageh was also ready. During this lapse of one or two days, the ex-lieutenant Adolfo Baez Bone, came to my house in Granada. I had never had any friendship with this man. As soon as he arrived, he began to speak to me about a lumber problem and later got to the basis for all this. He told me that he knew that I had been to Costa Rica and that I was making arrangements for a boat and that he wanted to go to the place of embarkation. I made an appointment with him for a few days hence and as a precaution, considering what he had told me, I thought it best that he go to the landing or unloading place and not that of embarkment. I consulted with General Chamorro and he told me that it would be better, as I suggested, that he go to the place of disembarkation. Then he told me that there was a young man who wanted to go to the debarkation site and that I should take him. This man was Fernando Solorzano. Baez Bone returned and I told him what had been decided. ~~Everything~~ Everything was arranged, including the arrangements for a house. (My uncle, through Payo Cabrera, told me that it was ready.) Payo told me that it was the El Salvador Villa and he also said that he could get a house inside the Rodeo, called San Jeronimo, which is located on the bank of the lake. With everything in order, I sent the radiogram notifying them that all was ready for the date set or for Wednesday night, the 31st. The radiogram was sent to Maria de Bolanos who is a Nicaraguan woman living in Costa Rica. It was signed by my wife Magdalena de Chamorro. I received an answer a few days later through the same channel, telling me that the plans conformed. Then at daybreak on the 31st, I left for Rio Grande with

Payo Cabrera by Jeep to get the truck, returning that same afternoon to meet Fernando Solorzano and Adolfo Baez Bone at the places designated. We then left for the landing place. Previously, on the 30th of March, at noon, I had sent Tito Chamorro from "ranada to the place of embarkment. He left with Julian Salaverry and others whom I do not know. I told him that I would be at the landing place on Wednesday night where I would wait for him until 2 in the morning, Thursday, and that if they did not arrive at this time for some reason, I would return 24 hours later at the same hour. This was done as they did not arrive on Wednesday's trip. I left the truck there as one tire was flat and I did not have a spare. I returned to Managua, leaving again at six on Thursday afternoon, with the same people. We waited. At approximately 12 midnight or one in the morning the boat came and we proceeded to disembark. The people that came in the boat were about 22 in number, according to what they told me, of whom I knew Chema, third Lackey; Brasilia; Manuel Gomez and Pablo Leal and later I recognized others: Virgilio Vega, Juan Martinez Reyes, a Dominican named Soler, Rivas Montes, Luis Cabuardi, Baena and others. When they had begun to disembark, a small man called Miguel Acevedo, came up. I asked him to help me set the boat afloat with his boat and thereby hasten the unloading. I left there, but when someone who had already unloaded saw this man with a boat, he thought it was the boat that I had brought. As the man saw that what was being unloaded was not beans, but people and arms, Pablo and Gomez decided to bring him with us, to later free him once there was no danger that he could say anything. Once the truck was loaded, we left for Managua. The people used the two Jeeps and the trucks covered with canvas. I came in the truck with Rivas Montes. It was driven by the young man called Beriolo Lechado. In the back came Chema and I don't know whom the others were. In Payo Cabrera's Jeep came Manuel Gomez and Pablo. Baez Bone came in his "Land Rober" Jeep. We headed for Managua. Before reaching San Isidro, I told Pablo that we should stay in the mountain until night, but he insisted on going on to Managua. We went through Tipitapa. On the way we had spoken of the possibility of the "Rodeo" but I told them that it was very difficult to cross by day as we had to pass the corrals before getting to San Jeronimo. Later we stopped at a "tavern" to see if any word had been left by Carlos Baez and to see if the place was ready. But according to what Baez Bone told me, the messenger did not have any word and he said that the place was absurd as there were too many people. Then we decided to go to the El Salvador Villa, where we arrived between eight thirty and nine in the morning, after crossing the city. We crossed the city, along the "momotombo" up to the corner of the "masayas". We turned and went to the very end, then took Ramirez Goyena Street and crossed the first paved avenue after Goyena, until we got to the Boulevard and then we went straight down Colon Street until we had left Managua. Without making any stops, we arrived at the point of destination, the El Salvador Villa. We left the loaded truck there. The people got off and went into the house. In the

In the house Pablo told me that he wanted to have a meeting that very afternoon with General Chamorro and with the principle people that knew of the movement. I told him that I would ask General Chamorro to see where we could have this meeting. I came to Managua in the Jeep owned by Payo Cabrera and went directly to General Chamorro's home. I told him of the result of the trip and of Pablo's petition. He told me to rest a little, that he was going to see where it could be held. When I got up it was about two in the afternoon. He told me that the place selected was Chula Vista, Ernesto Solozano's villa. I went to advise them that the meeting would be held at 8 p.m. at the aforementioned place. I returned to Managua, to General Chamorro's home. At 8 we arrived at the meeting place. General Chamorro, Fernando Aguero, Ernesto Solozano T, (who was in his home), Doctor Enrique Lacayo Farfan, Pablo Leal, Manual Gomez, Baez Bone (he only stayed a short while because he said he had to go to Minotepe) and I were present. After the usual greetings and general conversation, Pablo Leal brought up the question of how the operation would be carried out. General Chamorro told them that he no plan and said that they should present it. Then Gomez said that as far as he was concerned, the most important thing was to attack La Loma, because it wouldn't be worthwhile to make small attacks leaving the Principle Headquarters, because they did not have sufficient arms nor ammunition to withstand a long affair, that he had the almost positive assurance that by means of a surprise attack the taking of La Loma was possible, and in order to do this, we should proceed without loss of time because of the danger of being discovered, that for this operation about two hundred men were needed and asked if they could be secured. General Chamorro pointed out that although it was a little ~~against~~ against the game, he thought that they could be secured. One of the things that Gomez considered of prime importance was to find out or, better, said, to try to see, that President Somoza was not at La Loma when the attack was launched, because resistance would be much greater if he was at La Loma. Then someone present, I don't remember who, said that on the following day, Saturday, General Somoza would surely be at the American Embassy festival and it would be a magnificent occasion to proceed with the plan proposed by Gomez. Leal said that with General Somoza at the Embassy, it would be feasible that he could leave there and could organize a resistance even if La Loma was taken. Gomez said that that could be solved by having a Patrol there so that he could not leave and that it would be a magnificent opportunity for him to resign before the Diplomatic Body. That plan was accepted by all. The manner in which the people would arrive and how they would be armed was discussed. Gomez and Leal said that it was necessary to give them some light instructions on how to handle them. On that nothing concrete was arrived at because it was decided that the El Salvador Villa was too small for that purpose. We decided that on the following day some local or out of the way place would be found where we could carry out this operation. Baez Bone

left, later General Chamorro, I can't remember if with Lacayo Farfan. A little before I left, Fernando Solorzano and Tito Chamorro defected. Leal and Gomez came with one of them. I came to Managua with Dr. Fernando Aguero. On the morning of the following day, I spoke with the General and he told me that he was getting ready to call the people that he was going to lead. About nine I left for Granada by car with Tito Chamorro with whom I had made arrangements the night before to take me to visit my home. In Granada I spent most of the time on my personal problems, returning about three in the afternoon to General Chamorro's home. When I asked him what had happened on the problem of the people and the place where they were to go, he told me that they were already on their way and that should be approaching the California by now. The California was the place that had been secured for some of the people. The rest, I believe, were to be taken to the El Salvador Villa. I asked him if we were going to go to the American Embassy and he said that he was thinking about it but that he was not sure, but in any case, he would leave there and was now awaiting a decision on a house to which he could go to hide during the affair. About five thirty or six in the afternoon Fernando Aguero arrived. I went to the California with him. There we saw that there were very few people there. We returned to Managua and told the General. He told us that perhaps while we were returning, more were arriving, because they had been informed by various officers that, as it was Saturday, they had not been able to locate the people earlier and that some said that they did not know where the place was located. He told them that some of them should go on an inspection trip. He asked us to leave two Jeeps near the house in case people came there he could send them. We set off to look for Rafael Cabrera Chamorro, who is the same person I referred to before. Once we found him we left him on a street next to the one on which General Chamorro lives. While we were approaching the house we saw four men near the house as if waiting for someone. One of them made an attempt to enter the house. Then I approached him and asked him what he wanted. He asked me if the General was inside and if he had someone with him. I told him that I didn't think so, and asked him if I were correct in understanding that they were looking for the individuals with him. He said yes. I asked him who had sent him, answering a "friend of ours". I told him to get into a Jeep and I walked around to make certain that they did get in. I was again at the General's home. I told him that I was going to California to see if more people had arrived. "Very well," he said, "He told me to go and let him know what I had learned." That was about six on Saturday afternoon. I arrived at California and I found myself at the meeting place with Pablo Leal, Gomez, Zavala, Augustin Alfaro, Rivas Montes, Ernesto Solorzano T. who was on one side with Fautino. I think Cabuardi was there, but I don't remember exactly. I found them very alarmed because the necessary people needed for the plan proposed had not arrived. After much talk and deliberation, they resolved that if by seven thirty or eight a sufficient number of people had not arrived they would leave the

attack for morning. I returned to Managua to the home of General Chamorro to inform him and to tell him that these men (referring to the men from Costa Rica) were displeased and I remember that he told me that he could not do more than he had done, that he had given all possible cooperation; but that we had to remember that for the same reason that these men did not want this affair revealed, it had been impossible to prepare the people far enough in advance. "I have sent orders to every place around Managua and in Managua itself", he told me, "and if they have not arrived it is not my fault, but they are going to get there. It is my understanding that they are waiting for nightfall to arrive there unnoticed.". I returned to the California, with the same omen. It was about seven or seven thirty at night. The problem had not fundamentally changed because although there were more people, I don't think there were more than 50 or 60. I stayed there for a while and saw various persons arrive. I saw Hernan Robleto Padre, Pedro Joaquin Chamorro, Baco Ibarra, Emilio Alvarez Montalban and Dr. Rafael Gutierrez. At the table, where what is called the staff was seated, a young man, in kaki trousers, half bald, with a yellow shirt (sport), who was the only one that I didn't recognize. While I was in the hammock Pablo Leal arrived and told me that with these few people it would be impossible to do anything at La Loma, that were going to wait to see if during the night more people arrived, this was in accord with the idea that I sent him from General Chamorro that perhaps during the night more people would arrive. Pablo asked me to go to buy a bottle of Whisky and something to eat. I went with Fernando Aguero to Versalles. I arrived there about eight thirty. We returned to the California and I gave him what I had bought. At a late hour of night, perhaps eleven, Pablo called me and told me that it looked as if no more people were coming. I think that counting every one there were about 100 people. Pablo said that this matter can not be prolonged, and "we have decided to change the plan, instead of attacking La Loma we have decided to take the city, provoking an uprising among the people, because this is the only way that we can operate and situate ourselves in the proper places before the attack from La Loma. He asked me if I thought the people could respond. I told him that he was dealing with the possible, but that it was not guaranteed 100 percent. They said that there was no other possibility left because they could not prolong this situation indefinitely, that what should be done, was notify the people of Managua to be ready, as this was what had been decided upon. I returned to Managua. I told General Chamorro what was happening and told him that these people were desperate, that they acted as if they had a burning nail in their hands and that I would not be surprised if they changed their plans again. But, from what I had gathered, they would not delay the proceeding to the following morning, that consequently it seemed appropriate that he leave the house that very night. Then he told me that he was going to do that very thing and he would leave the address of the place to which he would go with his sister and to look for him only if it were an urgent matter. I returned to the

California. I stayed in the hammock and they continued talking about the same thing. Fernando Aguero came back but I stayed there on the hammock. I fell sound asleep and didn't wake up until after an incident involving Fautino Arellano, during which he was threatened and later shot through the chest because, from the very beginning, he had wanted to get the people out of there. At daybreak I was wakened up by the noise that Gomez was making as he from the cellar which was in the back. He said that a man who had been locked up had escaped. They began looking for him. According to what they said and what was on the list, his name was Pedro Pablo Nicaragua. After this I returned to Managua. I went to Dr. Enrique Lacayo Farfan's house. There I had coffee. Paco Ibarra and Fernando Aguero were there. I told them what was at hand, and that they should get ready, to begin organizing the uprising. I went by Dr. Diego Manuel Chamorro's home but didn't find him. I returned to the California House. When I passed the El Salvador Villa, I observed the movement of cars and trucks. I stopped at the villa. I entered and saw all the people that had come from the California, including those that had been imprisoned. I remained there talking and exchanging impressions for a while. Pablo told me that he had asked Julio Chamorro for the Pellas house but that he had answered that that was not up to him. He asked me how to enter the Terraza (Terrace), besides by way of the lift or elevator. I told him that there was a door in the Garage that was opened by key and that the caretaker slept inside and that by merely going up the elevator and coming down the stairs it could be opened. Pablo asked me how this could be arranged. I told him that by having someone go ahead and having the elevator ready. Pablo asked me to go Managua again to tell the men in Managua to make these arrangements. I did this. I went to Dr. Lacayo Farfan and told him what Pablo wanted. They offered to arrange it. About eleven o'clock in the morning I went to the El Salvador Villa and there I found that all the people were very nervous. They said the plan was impractical. I knew then that Baez Bone was out on a mission, because Pablo said that they would head for Managua as soon as Baez Bone arrived. I asked him what kind of a mission Baez Bone was on. He said that they had sent him about 18 kilometers away to stop the man if he was going to Montelimar. There was a old man who said: "But the President is in the Mercedes." Pablo said: "How do you know?" - "Because my son, who has a truck, told me that he had seen him there". - At that time Adolfo Alfaro arrived and they began the sam discussion over the plan. Alfaro said that they should leave there anyway or if they decided to begin the operation it should be immediately. At that moment Baez Bone came in and began to talk , hot headedly. He said that nothing had been done. On one of my trips into the room where the Staff was meeting I heard Baez Bone talking and then Rivas Montes interrupted him saying: "I'm going to abridge what you have to say". Baez Bone answered that he

was not a Nicaraguan and that he didn't have to interfere. Rivas Montes said that although he was not a Nicaraguan he was exposing himself as much as he was. Once they had calmed down they continued the same discussion on what should be done. Then Pablo Leal ordered that they load the truck. But before this, Baez Bone had told Gomez that he should stop dealing with civilian commanders, that this was a military affair and that he should take command and that "you and I will resolve the situation". Rivas Montes said that they had to be loyal to Pablo. Meanwhile, Pablo was outside giving the order. I called Pablo aside, and told him that the situation was becoming very dangerous because "I already see that there are rivalries among you". I asked him what was Baez Bone's mission and that he should remember that he was a very violent man and that he was capable of committing some rash act. Then he told me that he had very moderate people to command and that there was no danger that they would go beyond the limits of their functions. I then told him that I had done more than enough and that as I was not going to take arms I was not playing any role there, that if they were going to that farm to think or deliberate on what they were going to do, it seemed to me that I would not be of any value to them, that I was going to go to Diriamba, to my brother's home to await the happenings and yet be close by. He told me that this was a good idea. By that time they had loaded the truck and Pablo ordered that about 20 men get in the truck that was going to carry the arms. I took Dr. Lacayo Farfan's car and started on my way to Diriamba. On the way I stopped by La Moca. I asked a boy about my brother and he told me that he had not returned from the Mar, that he would not arrive until Tuesday. I thought about staying there, but as there was no one there, I continued on to Niquotepe. I decided to pass by the home of the Puices boys and found the woman of the house there alone. I went in and she offered me a drink. About five minutes later, a girl came in and told me that there was a riot in the street and there were movements of guards. I asked the woman of the house to investigate. She went out herself. At that time, while the señora was out, Mr. Carlos Ernesto Tapia (fat) came in. He talked to me about generalities, that he had come in search of Alejandro Ruiz about some rice business. When the woman returned, I pretended I had never seen her before. I stopped and told her that I wanted to leave word for Alejandro. Then she explained that there was some agitation. She heard them speak about a red truck that had had an encounter with a guard. I asked her to help me and explained that I was mixed up in this matter. She told me that all the roads were closed off. She told me to eat a little. Dr. Benito Hernandez and Rufo Flint came in at that time. The woman gave me some clothes to change into and told me that the most practical thing to do was to go to one of their farms until the matter was over. I gave her the keys to the car and asked her to keep them in her house. I slept for a while. About 8 at night I went to their farm. I spent nine days on the

coffee plantation, until I managed to send a message by one of the Ruices to a nephew of mine, son of Edmundo Chamorro. Yesterday, he sent word by the same Ruices that he would try to bring Silvio Gonzalez by to meet me.

Question: When you informed General Chamorro that Pablo Leal had entered the country incognito, what were the words spoken between you?

Answer: I remember that he told me that he did not believe these things, that he was already bored with tales of this kind, and Favio Callo was telling an ugly story about Pablo. I asked him what this story was. "Favio says that Pablo bothered him". I don't know the exact details, but one must find out if there is any truth to this, that is to say, listen.

Question: On this occasion, did you ask General Chamorro what effect this would have on the pacts?

Answer: No. No I didn't ask him anything about that.

Question: When you decided to go to Costa Rica, what instructions did General Chamorro give you?

Answer: First, to listen and to observe. I asked him if, when I saw that it was something serious or definite, I should offer to establish contact. He said: "Yes", but I had wide enough powers to try or arrange anything when I saw that it was convenient.

Question: In your trip to Costa Rica, did you take any money with you to give to someone?

Answer: I asked General Chamorro about this and he told me that he was collecting it and that he would send it in a few days. "It may arrive while you are there. If it does arrive while you are there, I will have it come to you so that you can give it to them if you think you should. The money did not arrive while I was there.

Question: How did you make your trip to Costa Rica?

Answer: By La Nica Airlines.

Question: Did anyone accompany you?

Answer: No. I went alone. My wife arrived a day or two later to shop for a daughter who was getting married.

Question: Where did you stay in Costa Rica?

Answer: At the home of Paco Bolaños. On La Asturiana, about 200 varas north of the Bank of Costa Rica.

Question: Did Mr. Bolaños know of these movements?

Answer: Mr. Bolaños was not in the capital. I sent word to Mrs. Bolaños from the airport on the day that I was leaving, that if any telegram came to her, signed by my wife, relating to wedding matters, that it should be given to Pablo because I had some business with him. I told her this without giving her any explanations.

Question: What is Mr. Bolaños' nationality and political affiliation?

Answer: Nicaraguan and Conservative.

Question: What are the activities of this man Bolaños and how does he earn his living in Costa Rica?

Answer: He is a salesman for commercial houses.

Question: Did you know Mr. Bolaños before you went to Costa Rica? What relations had you had with him before?

Answer: Yes, I knew him. We are old friends. I am the Godfather of one of his daughters.

Question: Do you remember when Bolaños went from Nicaragua to Costa Rica?

Answer: Perhaps twelve years ago.

Question: When did you first see Pablo Leal in Costa Rica and what did you talk about?

Answer: On the day after my arrival, I saw him. We talked directly on the reason for my trip. I told him that I came to find out if what he had said about having arms was a reality and why he was so insistent on my coming. He told me that he had a lot of arms ready about 300 fittings, that he had secured some from Mexico with skill and running a lot of danger. He had had to give out much money for cuts. He was buying more in Costa Rica and he thought that he could gather at least 300 more. I asked him what his plan was.

He told me that they were studying various possiblilites, but if they were able to bring in the arms and people that had been trained in the use of these arms, without being discovered, it would be very easy to make a surprise attack. He was not a believer in mountain skirmishes or struggles. I asked him if this plan included Rivas and General Roberto Hurtado. Then he told me that he had contact with Hurtado and that he had various conversations with him on this matter but that "he is a crazy old man", and "I consider it impractical to deal with him". I asked him about Adan Velez. He spoke very badly about him, saying that he was not a man to be trusted, that he was lost on the question of drinking. That he would tell all he knew in the first place he could find a drink. Later I found out that he had a personal grudge against him, brought on by some business problem. I asked him what people he was counting on. Then he named more or less all those that came and those that I have already mentioned. Later he asked me about the possibility of making a proposal on the bringing in of arms and people. I told him that I could, and presented him a manner of carrying it out. I told him that I wanted to see the arms. He told me that that would have to be done at night, to be unnoticed. On the following night, we went to San Isidro de Coronado to a little house. We put the Jeep away, entered and there were the arms. Cabuardi and a tall man whom I did not know were there. They showed me the rifles, machines and about 8 or 10 bombs. I cannot say exactly how many there were, because they were in sacks or boxes. He asked me if I had brought the money. I told him no, but that it was being collected. He told me that he needed about 20 or 30 thousand colones before leaving. When I had seen the arms, we began to draw up some plans for the trip that would be made to bring in the arms and the people. We decided to set the day on which they would leave a day before my return to Managua. On the day prior to my coming we set a definite date of departure for them, the 30th of March. Pablo repeated what he had said about the money "so that there wouldn't be any delay in leaving". He spoke to me about Payo Cabrera. He told me that he would contact him separately and tell him to get in touch with me too. I asked him how he had been able to hide the arms and he told me that he had moved three times and that they had been very careful especially after what happened to Cardenas.

Question: Tell me about your interview with General Chamorro on your return to Managua?

Answer: I told him first that they had searched me at the airport, then I gave him an exact report on what I had discussed with Pablo, as well as the connections that had been made for the date set for the transporting of arms and people and pointing out the necessity for sending the money that they had requested and for obtaining a house, in order to notify them that everything was ready. About

the money, he said that it had been impossible to send it as it was a little difficult to collect but that he would take care of this matter. In regard to the house he said that it would be best if Payo Cabrera took care of that. He told me that he would get in touch with me when these things were settled so that I could send a radiogram telling them that everything was set. I talked with him again and he told me that I should wait a little before sending the radiogram. About 3 or 4 days later he told me that I could send the radiogram as the money had been collected and the house secured.

Question: What persons arrived at Chula Vista?

Answer: General Chamorro, Fernando Aguero, Lacayo Farfan, Pablo Leal, Manuel Gomez, Ernesto Solorzano T., Baez Bone. They spoke about entering Managua, that it had been easy and that fifty per cent of the operation had been accomplished by that. General Chamorro asked about the Plan. Pablo answered that they had formulated various plans but that the most effective one, which which Gomez was in accord, was the one advocating an attack on La Loma. "Gomez is going to present the plan so that you can see its feasibility". Gomez said that with 200 men advancing rapidly in trucks on La Loma he considered it an almost sure success. That they had studied the plan well and they knew the terrain. They believed that with these 200 men in a surprise attack represented a much greater number. Also, in making the attack it would be best if General Somoza were not there, because with him there, the people could recover from the surprise attack and fight with more courage. They asked the General if the people would be ready and if they would know how to handle the arms and he answered "yes" and that he did not think it would be very difficult to teach them to manage them. They discussed the manner and how this instruction would be given, in what place, etc. They mentioned Rodeo but that was rejected because it was too difficult and too dangerous to cross the city again. They said everything had to be done from the South and that on the following day they would look for a villa or place in the outskirts to train the people. The meeting lasted for more or less two hours. General Chamorro left with Lacayo Farfan. About five minutes later Gomez and Leal left. I left after that with Aguero.

Humberto Chamorro